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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN COMPLAINT RE FURTHER ISRAELI

ACTIVITIES IN SINAI

REF: CAIRO 8474, 9296

1. STATING HE WAS CALLING ON FAHMY'S INSTRUCTIONS, SIRRI
TELEPHONED ME YESTERDAY, NOVEMBER 28, TO REGISTER A NEW COMPLAINT
AGAINST ALLEGED ISRAELI ACTIVITIES IN THE SINAI. HE RECALLED THE
TWO PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS WHICH HAD BEEN CONVEYED
TO ME BY SAMIH ANWAR AND BY FAHMY PERSONALLY (REFTELS).
GOE HAS NOW DISCOVERED NEW EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITY.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE ISRAELIS ARE REPORTEDLY BUILDING A
"TOURIST CITY" ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN EILAT AND SHARM ASH-SHAIKH

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NEAR A PLACE CALLED BIR TA'IBAH (I ASSUME THIS IS THE BIR TA'BAH

CITED ON MAPS). A NUMBER OF YOUNG ISRAELIS HAVE SETTLED THERE AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO CONSTRUCT A HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND AN AUTOMOBILE REPAIR GARAGE. THEY HAVE COME WITH A GENERATOR, TRACTORS, BULLDOZERS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

3. SIRRI STATED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT ONLY TO INFORM US, BUT TO INQUIRE WHAT USG REACTIONS ARE TO THIS TYPE OF ISRAELI ACTIVITY WHICH SUGGESTS AN INTENTION TO REMAIN IN THE SINAI. HE POINTEDLY NOTED THAT NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED TO THE TWO EARLIER DEMARCHES MADE TO US ON SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. GOE IS CONCERNED ABOUT USG SILENCE ON THIS MATTER AND IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF USG POSITION ON SUCH ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. I TOLD SIRRI I WOULD REPORT HIS DEMARCHE. I RECALLED THAT AS A GENERAL MATTER HAVING TO DO WITH ISRAELI ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED ANAB TERRITORIES, USG HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH APPEAR TO BE DESIGNED TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF SUCH AREAS.

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